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LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION/Diabetes Funding

SUBJECT: Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill for fiscal year 2000 . . . S. 1650. Collins amendment No. 1824.

ACTION: AMENDMENT AGREED TO, 93-0

SYNOPSIS: As reported, S. 1650, the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill for fiscal year 2000, will provide \$324.2 billion in new budget authority, which is \$22.531 billion more than provided in fiscal year (FY) 1999 and is \$911.0 million less than requested. This amount includes advance discretionary and mandatory appropriations and \$9.902 billion in spending from trust funds. Budget authority for fiscal year 2000 discretionary spending will total \$84.018 billion.

The Collins amendment would express the sense of the Senate:

- that the Federal Government has a responsibility to try to raise awareness of the importance of the early detection and proper treatment of disabilities and to continue to consider ways to improve access to, and the quality of, health care services for detecting and treating diabetes;
- that the National Institutes of Health, within existing funding levels, should increase research on diabetes so that the causes of, and improved treatments and cures for, diabetes may be discovered;
- all Americans should take an active role in fighting diabetes, including by watching for symptoms of the illness; and
- national organizations, community organizations, and health care providers should try to promote awareness of diabetes and its complications, and should encourage and assist in the early detection of diabetes.

Those favoring the amendment contended:

Diabetes is a devastating illness that affects people of every age, race, and nationality. More than 16 million Americans suffer

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EXPLANATION OF ABSENCE:

- 1—Official Business
- 2—Necessarily Absent
- 3—Illness
- 4—Other

SYMBOLS:

- AY—Announced Yea
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- PY—Paired Yea
- PN—Paired Nay

from diabetes and 800,000 new cases are diagnosed each year. Unfortunately, there currently is no way to prevent or to cure this disease. It can be controlled with regular checks of blood-sugar levels and insulin injections, yet it still contributes to the deaths of 200,000 Americans every year. The problem is made all the more complex by the fact that diabetes is not a single disease. It occurs in several forms, and its complications affect virtually every system of the body. Type I diabetes is especially tragic, because it strikes children. The monetary costs of treating this disease are huge--1 out of every 10 United States health care dollars, and 1 out of every 4 Medicare dollars, is spent on the care of people with diabetes. We believe that the breathtaking advances that medical science is now making hold out the promise of finally finding means to prevent and to cure this devastating illness. It is probably only a matter of time. If the Federal Government and our society as a whole make it a top priority to find a cure, a cure will be found more quickly. This amendment expresses the sense of the Senate in favor of making that commitment. We urge our colleagues to give it their unanimous support.

No arguments were expressed in opposition to the amendment.